list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is an ongoing process and such requests are processed in accordance with the approved modalities.

Care of Old age dependants by Government employees

2065. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed all the Central Government Departments to issue instructions to all the Government employees under the Services Conduct Rules to take due care of the old and the aged dependent on them and to warn that action would be taken against those guilty of neglecting them; and

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN-): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation in private sector

†2066. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide reservation to SCs, STs rand Other Backward Classes in Private Companies also;

(b) if so, whether the percentage and nature of this reservation have been determined; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted to examine the issue of affirmative action, including reservation, in private sector. The dialogue initiated by the GoM with the apex associations of industry and trade to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of the youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is in progress.

List of Minorities

2067. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL

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